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HOUSE RESOLUTION 10 of the Second Extraordinary Session
By Langster

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mrs. Bernice A.
Benimon Smartt on the celebration of her 65th
birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bernice A. Smartt will celebrate her 65th birthday on December 24, 1934, a milestone that will be commemorated at the Nashville Civic Club on November 26, 1999, as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Edna and Andrew Benimon, Mrs. Smartt attended Pearl High School and Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Jackson, Mississippi, Bernice is a highly respected member of that community, contributing her time and numerous talents to Senior Citizens Centers in Jackson and here in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, she served with acumen for many years as a licensed practical nurse in medical surgery, geriatrics, and in nursing homes, earning the respect of her peers and supervisors alike for the superior quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smartt was joined in marriage with Eugene M. Smartt and together this couple's blessed union produced seven gifted children: Chelsea Smartt, who received her Ph.D. in Molecular Biology and does research at the University of Wisconsin; Karen Jimerson, a computer data major in college who works with the Medicaid Division in Jackson, Mississippi; Pamela Bailey, a Chemical Engineering major in college who is employed at Nissan in Smyrna; Brian Smartt, of Jackson, Mississippi who is a home builder and interior decorator; Chantay

Scott, a physician in Internal Medicine in Memphis; Matthew Smartt, who earned degrees in Dental Hygiene and Physical Therapy and works as Director of the Physical Rehabilitation Center in Tampa, Florida; and Valerie Short, a physician in OB-GYN in Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, she is also the proud grandmother of eight grandchildren, the sister to four brothers and three sisters, and the loving aunt to several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Bernice evinces her devout religious faith as a member of the Born Again Church, where she is an usher; and

WHEREAS, as Mrs. Smartt approaches her 65th year on this earth, she still enjoys dancing, pottery-making, home decorating, babysitting and traveling throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the members of this legislative body recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate Mrs. Bernice A. Smartt on the celebration of her 65th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.